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IRON PRODUCTS MANUFACTURING FACILITY
TRAI KENH, NORTH VIETNAM
2057N 10640E

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS A SMALL IRON WORKS IN NORTH VIETNAM.

2. LOCATION:

6 NM NORTH OF HAIPHONG.

3. BACKGROUND:

PHOTOGRAPHIC RESEARCH INDICATES THAT THIS FACILITY HAS BEEN IN EXISTENCE SINCE AT LEAST [] THE SPECIFIC FUNCTION OF THE INSTALLATION COULD NOT BE DETERMINED UNTIL NOW DUE TO THE SCALE AND INTERPRETABILITY OF AVAILABLE PHOTOGRAPHIC COVERAGE.

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4. MISSION READOUT:

MISSION BO Q856, 5 DECEMBER 1968, REVEALS A SMALL IRON WORKS NORTH OF HAIPHONG. THE FACILITY CONSISTS OF ONE BLAST FURNACE UNIT COMPRISED OF A ROOFED BLAST FURNACE CONNECTED TO A DUST COLLECTOR BY A DOWN COMMER. THERE IS ALSO A CASTING SHED BUILT AROUND THE BASE OF THE UNIT AND A LOW AREA TO THE NORTH ALONG THE SOUTH BANK OF THE SONG GIA IS BEING USED AS A SLAG DUMP. THE BUILDING IMMEDIATELY TO THE SOUTH OF THE BLAST FURNACE AND CONNECTED TO THE FURNACE BY PIPING PROBABLY HOUSES THE HOT AIR UNIT AND POSSIBLY COKE OVEN UNITS. A LARGE DOUBLE PEAKED ROOFED BUILDING JUST SOUTHWEST OF THE FURNACE IS POSSIBLY BEING USED FOR PRODUCT

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FINISHING OR ADDITIONAL CASTING. OPEN STORAGE TO THE EAST OF THE FURNACE AREA CONTAINS ORE, LIMESTONE, AND COAL STORAGE AND IS CONNECTED TO THE FURNACE AREA BY RAIL CART LINES. SCRAP IRON/STEEL FOR POSSIBLE USE IN BLAST FURNACE CHARGES, IS LOCATED AROUND A PARTIALLY DISMANTLED BUILDING TO THE NORTHWEST OF THE FURNACE. THE PRESENT PRODUCT OF THIS OPERATION IS APPARENTLY CAST IRON PIPE AS LARGE QUANTITIES OF PIPE SECTIONS ARE OBSERVED IN OPEN STORAGE WITHIN THE AREA.

5. REMARKS:

DUE TO THE RUDIMENTARY APPEARANCE OF THE OPERATION, IT IS FELT THAT THE PLANT HAS A LIMITED CAPACITY FOR PRODUCTION. SMALL INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES SUCH AS THIS AND OTHER REPORTED SIMILAR FACILITIES ARE BEING USED BY NORTH VIETNAM TO HELP SATISFY THEIR NEED FOR IRON PRODUCTS AND OTHER TYPES OF MANUFACTURED GOODS.

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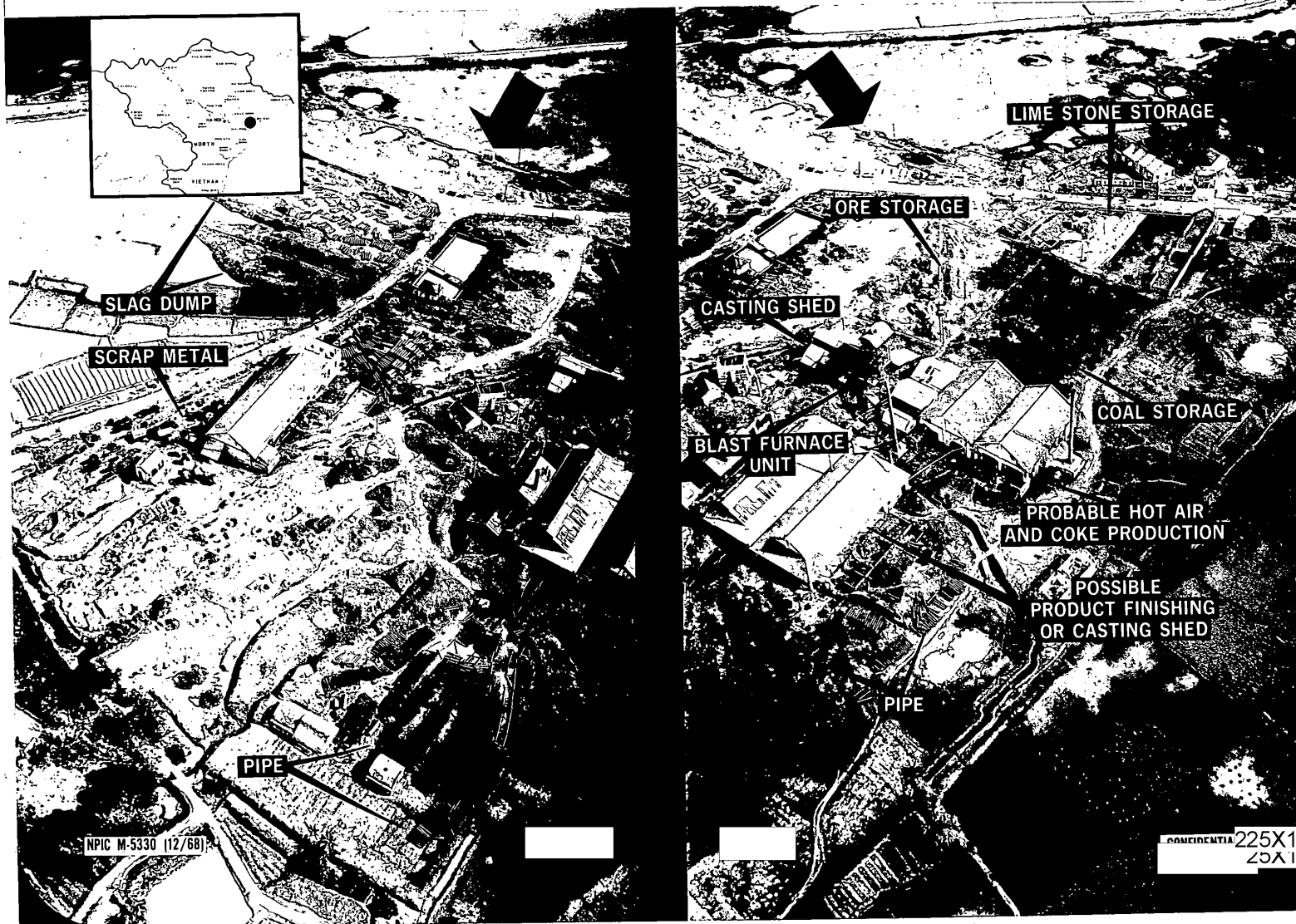
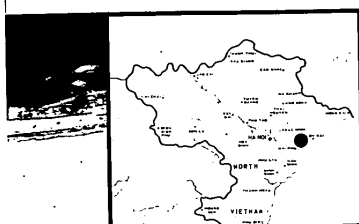
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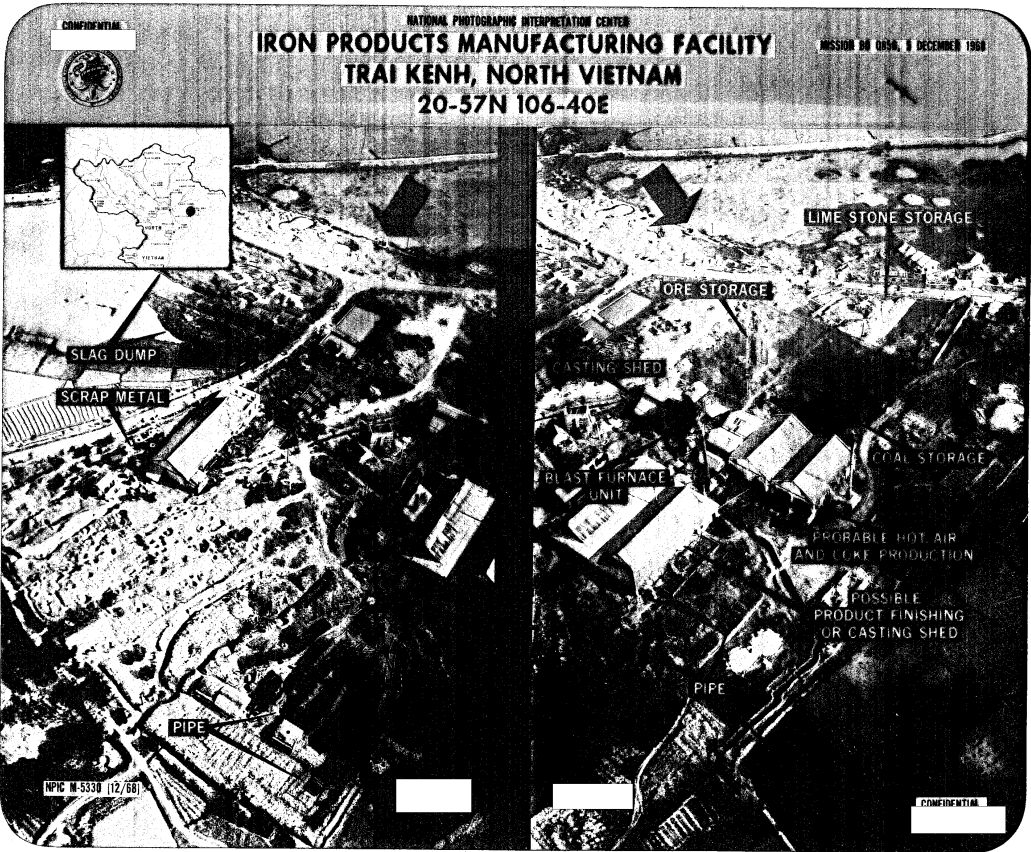
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